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1. DEPARTMENT INFORMED BY COMMITTEE STAFF THAT EXXON AND MOBIL OFFICIALS WILL TESTIFY IN OPEN SESSION BEFORE THE CHURCH SUBCOMMITTEE ON JULY 16 AND 17, AT WHICH TIME BOTH COMPANIES WILL PUT ON THE PUBLIC RECORD TESTIMONY ALREADY GIVEN IN EARLIER EXECUTIVE SESSIONS.

A. EXXON WILL DISCUSS ARRANGEMENTS WITH UNIONE PETROLIFERA, THEN HEADED BY CAZZANIGA, WHICH REPORTEDLY ASSESSED EACH OIL COMPANY FOR POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

- B. MOBIL IS SAID TO HAVE RECEIPTS FROM PARTIES AND ORGANIZATIONS, E.G., NEWSPAPERS, BUT
- C. COMMITTEE DOES NOT PLAN TO MAKE PUBLIC NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS.
- 2. EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM FOREIGN MINISTRY AT OFFICE LEVEL CONFIDENTIAL

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OF JULY 16 AND 17 PUBLIC TESTIMONY BY AMERICAN OIL

OFFICIALS, INCLUDING SUCH PARTS OF PARAGRAPHS A THROUGH C
AS IT BELIEVES APPROPRIATE. IF MFA ASKS FOR MORE INFORMA-
TION, EMBASSY SHOULD SUGGEST THAT ITALIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON
GET IN TOUCH WITH CHURCH SUBCOMMITTEE DIRECTLY INGERSOLL

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